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WELCOME STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

A new year, a new semester, a new editor, and a new newspaper format. At this point and time, the MSC Monitor will be primarily web based. The website is http://www.matsu.alaska.edu/mscmonitor/current_edition.htm. There will be a mailing list to have the paper emailed to you directly, if that is your desire. You can contact me at psskk@matsu.alaska.edu or okfam@mtaonline.net to be included on the mailing list. Some of you have already contacted me regarding this. Thanks for your response.

Hard copies will be printed for distribution throughout the campus and for the valley coffee shops. The object in handling the paper this way, is to be cost and time efficient, as we are all busy with our educations and our lives.

I am requesting that any and all of the MSC campus family who have or want to see items, to contact me. This is the campus newspaper and the needs, views, opinions, articles, news, interests, etc. are needed from all the campus family. A special thank you to all those who have submitted items already.

I want to also express my appreciation to Tiffany B., Bonnie W., Eric F., Joel K., Elaine B. Rebecca E., Tracy E., and others for their emotional support and/or computer services to get the newspaper up and running as quickly this semester.

I will be in the MSC Monitor/Student Government office on Tuesdays from 2:30-6:45 if needed.

How was your vacation? Three weeks went by really fast, didn't it? A lot happened, some good, such as Christmas and New Year's and some very sad, such as the passing away of Julie Menerey, the daughter of Amy Menerey, the previous editor. She passed away on December 26, 2001 due to heart failure while in a coma as a result of a car accident. Her sweet spirit will be missed by all of us.

Shelia Keyser, Editor

HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER

To be a productive and successful student you will need to begin your research early. You will most likely need to use the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) process to complete quality papers. Gini Geary is the staff person to contact in the library, if you need any help or general information. She can be reached at 745-9735 or email at pnvig@matsu.alaska.edu.

Interlibrary loans can also be accomplished from your home computer. You will need to have a current library card to check out any materials either via ILL or at the library itself. It is strongly advised to make a copy of what ILL materials are successful, so you do not request the same materials more than once.

It is also recommended that you begin your research as soon as possible, since some materials take up to two weeks to reach this campus due to the fact that they come from campuses all over the world, based on the topic you have researched.

To start this semester, let's begin at the important things all students need to know, the operating hours.

Spring 2002 Semester

Bookstore/ Cashier (tentative) January 2 - 4 Mon-Thurs 8:30a - 7:30p Friday 8:30a - 5:30p		Student Services Admissions & Records Office Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 7:30 pm Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	
January 7 - 12 Mon-Thurs 8:30a - 8:00p Friday 8:30a - 5:30p Saturday 8:30a - 2:30p		Student Services Advising & Assessment Center Academic Advising: later hours by appointment. Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	
January 14 - 19 Mon-Thurs 8:30a - 7:30p Friday 8:30a - 4:00p Saturday 8:30a - 2:30p		Computer Lab Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 9:30 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	
January 21 - 25 Monday Campus Closed Tues-Thurs 8:30a - 7:30p Friday 8:30a - 4:00p		Library Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	
January 28 - May 3 Mon-Thurs 8:30a - 7:30p Friday 8:30a - 4:00p		OMT Skill Center Monday 10:00am-8:00pm Tuesday 10:00am-7:00pm Wednesday 10:00am-7:00pm Thursday 10:00am-7:00pm	
Spring Break March 18 - 23 Mon-Thurs 8:30a - 4:00p Fri & Sat Campus Closed			

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Have you seen an academic advisor, yet?

Appointments are **necessary** and can be made in the academic advising reception area across the OMT lab.

THE PROCESS TO GRADUATE IS AS FOLLOWS:

YOU MUST SEE AN ADVISOR, WHO WILL IN TURN DO A DEGREE CHECK. IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF CREDITS THEN YOU CAN APPLY FOR GRADUATION, IT IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY GRANTED TO YOU.

THE APPLICATION AND \$20 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE.

FINANCIAL AID

Andrea, from the financial aid distribution office states there are still checks being held in her office. For more information, please call 745-9725 or stop in before 5:00pm.

BOOKSTORE

The bookstore would like to remind everyone about the return policy. Textbooks may be returned during the semester under the following conditions:

Any returns or exchanges must be made within ten (10) calendar days from the day of purchase. Books purchased for a class, with less than 3 weeks duration, must be returned no later than the first (1st) day of class or 10 days after purchase, whichever comes first.

You must have your original cash register receipt. Books purchased prior semester may not be returned. All returned textbooks must be in the same condition as when originally purchased.

NO REFUNDS ON USED BOOKS

Any defacing or damage will be cause for rejection or refund. This includes all soiled pages, pen or pencil marks.

ALL WRAPPED OR BOXED BOOKS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IF THEY ARE RETURNED UNOPENED

Final determination of the book's condition rests with the Bookstore Manager or her designee.

All other merchandise, including supplies, mass market paperbacks and study aids are not refundable or exchangeable unless defective. Defective merchandise will be refunded or exchanged, if, in the judgment of the Bookstore Manager, the defect did not occur as a result of misuse or negligence by the customer.

NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE FOREGOING CONDITIONS WILL BE MADE

NO CASH REFUNDS ARE MADE. Refund checks are issued from the Business Office and a period of 4-5 weeks is required to process the refund. Refunds will be applied to any outstanding balance due the college without prior notification to the student.

SAVE YOUR RECEIPT

FOR PURPOSES OF INFORMING, NOT OFFENDING:

THERE ARE DESIGNATED AREAS FOR SMOKING AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CAMPUS. THE FRONT DOORS BY THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AND BUSINESS OFFICES **ARE NOT** DESIGNATED AS SMOKING AREAS. ALL PERSONS WAITING FOR TRANSPORTATION AT THE FRONT DOORS ARE ASKED TO SMOKE ONLY AT THE DESIGNATED AREAS. THE ASHTRAYS ARE LOCATED AT ALL DOORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSING TRASH, CIGARETTE BUTTS, GUM, ETC.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

The first student government meeting was held on January 25 from 10:00 - 12:00 in the Student Lounge.

Student Government is the representative organization of the MSC student body. The MSC Student Government was formed to promote the educational and general welfare of the students, to broaden their perspective through the establishment of a self-governing structure, to act as a unifying factor and student voice, and to help formulate policies and procedures concerning overall college life. Students who pay the student activity fee and carry a minimum of three credits during a semester are eligible to hold a senator seat or representative seat on the Student Government Council. For more information call 745-9759.

This semester, the President is Tiffany Bowers, Vice-President is Elaine Bialka, Secretary/Treasurer is Jackie Sexton.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

January 30 and 31: Ice cream social, voter registration, full funding post card petition drive in Atrium.

The times planned are Wednesday 30th, 12-2 and 3-5, Thursday 31st, 11-2 and 3-6.

Math Club

The opening meeting was Wednesday the 16th at 12:30 to 1:30 in SNOD. 106 for all math students and those wanting to further their math skills. The Math Club will be meeting every other Wednesday and the Math Lab is open for further study while classes are in session and while there is a Math Club member to assist.

ART CLUB

The first meeting was January 16 in Room FSM 212. The meeting schedule is every two weeks alternating between Wednesday/Thursday. The next meeting will be January 31st. All interested, please attend. Contact Vicki Cole at 745-9734 for more information.

ART NEWS**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Eggs-bition: 2002 theme "String Me Along" Entries Due February 25, 2002 Opening March 4, 5:00-7:00pm with the show ending March 25.

More details available by calling 745-9742 or stopping by the campus and picking up an information sheet from the Art Office.

POTTERY/PHOTO SHOW

Dennis McKenzie, Art Instructor for Mat-Su College, will be having a pottery and Alaskan Photo Show in the Atrium February 1, 2002. A student pottery show will begin February 15

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS**Outstanding IT Students Receive Awards and Certifications**

After successfully passing seven industry exams, Michael Carney became the first graduate of Mat-Su College's new Microsoft IT Training Academy. Mr. Carney earned his Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer credential while attending night school. He is employed by the Anchorage Daily News as a computer operator. Mr. Carney feels that by upgrading his technical skills he has become a more competent and valuable employee. He says that he looks forward to continuing his education by acquiring Cisco certification.

Jordan Riske is one of 12 outstanding Information Technology (IT) students in the nation to receive the CompTIA A+ Merit Award. This award is presented by the Computing Technology Industry Association Educational Foundation in an effort to develop new pools of talent and foster careers in IT. Mr. Riske, who has recently earned his CompTIA A+ certification was nominated by the University for the \$250 Merit Award. Mr. Riske is a first year IT student at Mat-Su College pursuing training as a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer. After graduation from MSC this spring, he plans to use his new credentials to seek employment as a professional trainer.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Microsoft IT Academy is an alliance that provides Mat-Su College with program support to be a premier resource for Microsoft certification. This program provides world-class training on Microsoft networking and developer technologies. The courses aggressively prepare students for Microsoft certification exams and, subsequently, for careers as network administrators, programmers, and system managers. These new IT programs expand career opportunities for students and directly address the IT workforce shortage in our community. New IT curricula at Mat-Su College have been funded by a subgrant from the Municipality of Anchorage/Mat-Su Borough Workforce Investment Board. In Fall 2000, the Anchorage/Matanuska-Susitna Workforce Investment Board was awarded \$2.4 million by the U. S. Department of Labor to train Alaska's workforce for IT careers. For details, please inquire at the Mat-Su College High Tech Training Program Office, 746-9302.

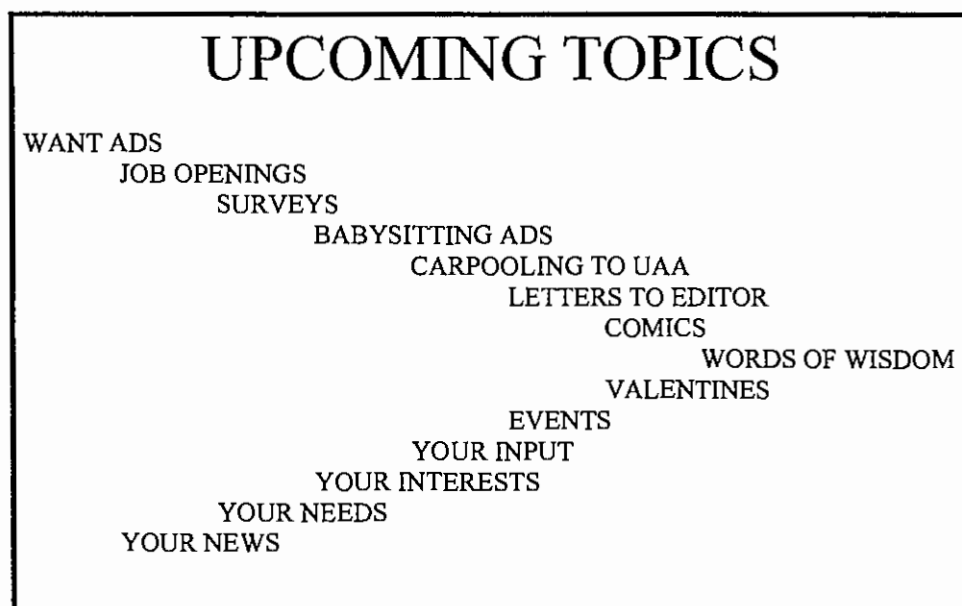
RECAPPING THE END OF LAST SEMESTER

Dr. Chang was cited by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and The Council for Advancement and Support of Education and was awarded the " **2001 Alaska College Professor of the Year.**" A luncheon was given at MSC to celebrate this award.

The bomb squad was on campus to show off their robotic member of the team. Students were given the opportunity to try on their protective suit worn while on duty.

The Anthropology Class focused on the Rise of Civilization by presenting a History Makers Luncheon in Snodgrass Hall. Several pioneers were honored for their contributions to the present Mat-Su Valley as we know it. This project will be presented again in Spring 2002 as part of the Anthropology Class instructed by Vicki Cole.

More news here as I gather the information.



EXPRESSIONS CAFE

HOURS OPEN:	MONDAY-THURSDAY	8:00-8:30
	FRIDAY	8:00-2:30
	SATURDAY	8:00-1:00